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Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in regards to the antitrust settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I am in favor of bringing the litigation process to an end immediately, and I support the current settlement. The antitrust suit with Microsoft has been going for three years now, and with a settlement proposed is the time to put this issue to bed once and for all.

Under the terms set forth in the current settlement, Microsoft has agreed to make several major changes in the way it operates and interacts with other companies, consumers, and in particular with its competitors. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows products out to the 20 largest computer manufacturers on identical terms and conditions. Additionally Microsoft will no longer enter into any agreements with third parties to exclusively distribute or promote Windows family products, unless there are no competitive concerns present in the particular situation.

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" "" }While I feel that many of the aspects of the settlement are too restrictive on Microsoft I am still in favor of the settlement as a whole. Now more then ever we need companies such as Microsoft, leaders in the industry, who are financially able to weather our current economic storm. At a time when the economy is dwindling and layoffs are prominent we should not be penalizing successful companies. For these reasons I urge you to support the antitrust settlement and take no further action against Microsoft.

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Jorge Godoy